Mrs. Wally Reid's Vivid Story of Her Husband's Fight to "Come Back"

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TURNING POINT

Injuries Suffered When Caboose Crashed Down Embankment Led to Drugs, She Writes

HOLLYWOOD NOT TO BLAME

Wife Tells Poignantly How Watched Physician Give Actor His "First Shot"

The Times-Herald today prints the first instalment of Mrs. Davenport Reid's gripping, intimate story of her screen star husband's tragic struggle to conquer the drug habit. Succeeding installments of her remarkable narrative will appear from day to day exclusively in The Washington Herald.

By MRS. DOROTHY DAV-ENPORT REID,

Wallace Reid, Internat Known Film Star. (Copyright, 1922, by the Los Angeles Examiner. All reproduction

This is to be the intimate, personal story of a brave man's tremendous, tragic, triumphant fight against the greatest curse of humanitydope! It is to be, I hope, at once a vindication and a warning. It is to be the story of Wally Reid, whom everyone loves and none more than I, his wife.

I say it is a personal story sim-ply because it is, just that. It is not a story of the laughabe "horrible Hollywood" which some persons believe exists out here in the green hills of California. It is not a story of the "debased" motion picture industry which some so-called reformers are doubtless well paid, wrongfully to portray. HOLLYWOOD NOT TO BLAME.

The story of Wally Reid is the story of a great personal tragedythe story of a personal tragedy—
the story of a personal, isolated
case. And I may say with the utmost truth that I know of no parallel in Hollywood, nor in all the picture industry.

I defy any person to say and prove that pictures, or that Holly-wood, caused Wally Reid to fail victim to the curse of drugs. It sim-ply is not true. Any such asser-

I enter into the narration of Wal-

lished story of Wally's monumental battle against the narcotic demon. I will try to picture Wally as he was before the tentacles of the dragon gripped him; as he was, as he is, and as I believe he will be—a man all through. Knowing all, I hope you who read will judge whether he should be pitied or censured, ruthlessly crushed or manfully helped, knocked will helped, knocked set to the right. Wally is in the center, strumming his guitar and singing lustily. On one side is Speed Hanson with his inseparable banjo. On the other is Grace Darmond, in a fluffy dress.

HIS HEAD INJURED.

There they are, in the middle of the smelly old caboose, sitting side of the smelly old caboose, si ed or manfully helped, knocked down or aided in his struggle to HIS HEAD INJURED. come back. I have no fear of the

SOME BOY MAY PROFIT.

this story; that would be foolish and probably futile. But should Wally's story keep one boy from the clutches of drugs, the path of ruin, my work will have been the content of the conte

construed as typical of Hollywood, of the motion picture colony, or of the motion picture industry. There has been so much printed about the sins of horrible Hollywood, and it is really so funny to us who know the truth. Wally is big enough, man enough, to shoulder his own burden and to rise from his own falls. I ask only a minimum of belief, a maximum of reason.

Also may I ask understanding

for my reasons in telling the truth back of his skull scraped from the about Wally's condition to the publie via the press? It has come to his left arm sliced to the bone by me from various sources that I, glass, he still was strong enough his wife, "should have been the last to lurch among the other members one to admit conditions." That is of the party, attending to their one to admit conditions." That is of the one way to look at it, but remem- wounds. ber that, as I write this, my boy is lying at death's door and I a town and a doctor and then, for couldn't see him go with the hortible clouds of rumor, innuendo, dressed. Against the advice of the and gossip hanging over his name, physician he went to work next proved troublesome caused the for they were so far from the truth day and the picture was made on and made of him a person deserving of scorn and suspicion instead of, as I know he deserves, only

But from that hour Wallace Reid

praise and sympathy. BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

that I and not Wally must reveal along.
these secrets. If Wally were able, When he came back to Holly-

babies play in the next room—
Billy, my own, and Betty, the youngster we took into our home ing, deadly sweet promises of Their voice. youngster we took into our home some months ago. Their voices come through the door like a muted symphony of happiness—yet I wait, tense, for that dreaded summons on the phone.

No man, however learned, is able to say that Wally will live. We the last two was at that time no screen than Wally. There was no screen home more happy than ours. There was in all Hollywood no more perfect husband than Wally. He was struggle ensued.

NOTED SCREEN STAR AND HIS HAPPY FAMILY RICHARDS' WIDOW



through the great Hearst newstrack and hurtled down a fifteen track and hurtled down a fifteen wally, in his best role as a lover, believe, unblemished, hitherto unpublished story of Wally's mon-lished story of Wally's mon-lis There they are, in the middle of

They are going into the country of the big trees for location for lost his healthy, normal appetite.

"The Valley of the Giants," and the old caboose groans and jerks voice and a pitifully querulous wail Second, I hope that some of you and sways along over the narrow- replaced it. He was for all the will profit by the lesson. I shall gauge mountain railway. The sig-world like a spoiled child. Nothing not attempt to write morals into nal flags rattle in their tin consulted him. I could not under-

Twelve hours later they reached

But from that hour Wallace Reid was never the same. I do not the teeth with pliers. His death reknow why; it is an intangible thing suited from blood poisoning. I have only one regret. That is I will try to explain as we go

I know in my heart that he would wood, in six or seven weeks, he be the first to tell the truth that apparently had fully recovered. His ple might know, and knowing, eyes were bright and his health above normal. He had gained

judge.

I write this nervously, within sound of the private telephone that leads to the sanitarium where Wally swings, hour by hour, between life and death. Each shrill peal on that telephone may be a summons to his deathbed. My better play in the next room— understand how it began and appre-

ly's story, then, with three objectamily closet. Ours began to take screen—the tall, straight form tives in view. tives in view.

First, I would like the world, a freight train caboose jumped the of him. The camera does not lie.

so violently that I momentarily ex-

All of a sudden the caboose "shot" to quiet his nerves and its worth the while.

Third, I wish you would believe me when I say from my heart that Wally's case can by no stretch of Wally's case can by no stretch of trestle and then with a stokening and for half an hour had tried

The next installment of Mrs. Reid's story will appear in The Washington Herald tomorrow.

Extracts Own Teeth: Dies of Poisoning

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 30 .- Extracting his own teeth when they death of Frank Laudenberger. He suffered an infection of the lower jaw and was advised to con-sult a dentist. Instead he extracted

Baby Is Center Of Family Fight

And a little child shall lead them -into battle-in the case of Mr. Letton was arrested on a charge

of disorderly conduct, later being released on \$10 collateral, while Mrs. Letton is suffering from a The two have been separated for the last two weeks. Last night, according to the police, Letton vis-ited the home of his wife, 911 New York avenue northwest, and at tempted to gain possession of their fourteen-months-old baby. The

WOMAN SLAYER AND WITNESS ABSENT

LONDON, Dec. 30.-Mrs. Edith Thompson, a beautiful matron of the murder of the woman's hus-Daily Mail today.

Despite the mighty wave of protest against execution of a woman. which has swept all Britain the past fortnight, Home Secretary W. C. Bridgeman has decided to advise King George against granting a reprieve, the Daily Mail states. Mrs. Thompson was one of three women who were sentenced to death within twenty-four hours by

at St. Stephen's Hall, 3017 Four-teenth street northwest. each on three charges of forgery— making a total of eight years.

Because of a nervous breakdown, Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, Ilford, and her youthful lover, mother of eighteen-year-old Gwendolyn Holland, of the Chastleton cember 11 were found guilty of apartments, was unable to appear in Police Court yesterday as the band, must answer for their crime complaining witness against Wilen upon the gallows, according to the W. Easterday on a charge of

Easterday, who is out on bond pending appeals from prison sentences amounting to eight years, is alleged to have made threats against Mrs. Holland when she objected to his attentions to her daughter.

At the request of Assistant District Attorney Ralph Given, Judge Hardison continued the case to Talls. I ask only a minimum of peller, a maximum of reason.

Also may I ask understanding stamina came to his aid. With the pression of the collapsed of his about the case to January 3. Eaterday is at liberty under \$300 bond. He was sentenced to serve two years for his the "shot." Dr. Frank W. Ballou, superin-undent of schools will address the Jules (Nicky) Arnstein and others, tendent of schools, will address the in the conspiracy to bring stolen Columbia Heights Citizens' Asso bonds into the District. He was ciation Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, also sentenced to serve two years

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TELLS OF TRAGEDY

Begged in Vain for Parish to **Act After Robed Band** Stole Husband.

FELT HE HAD BEEN SLAIN

Child Screams for Daddy as Abductors Swoop Down on Him.

Herewith is presented the story of Mrs. Thomas F. Richards, widow of one of the victims of the masked and robed band who tortured to death Richards and Watt Daniels last August and cast their bodies into Lake La Fourche, in Morehouse Parish, La. Mrs. Richards details the heartbreaking fight she made for official action in the disappearance of her husband and his friend, Daniels.

By MRS. THOMAS F. RICHARDS. (Copyright, 1922, by International News Service.)

MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 20.—I have been through the tortures of a four months' search for my husband, but now there is a brightness ahead that I feel sure is the light which will lead to vindication of the efforts of Governor Parker and the venore of Governor Parker and the venore could not sleep. Over the Rough of the Ku Klux Klan picked Mr. Richards up just a week before he finally disappeared, Leota was with him. They carried him away while she stood in the road and screamed her pleas for them not to take him. I found her standing there crying. All night she was so frightened and not figured in any important raids or any important raids or a standard to the liquor business, but up to early today Izzy and Moe had not figured in any important raids or a standard to the liquor business. MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 30 .- I and his dear friend, Watt Daniels. Tonight there is not calm in my heart, but there is a certain feeling

hat a semblance of justice has en

I started my long search for the murderers of my husband on Au-murderers of my husband on Au-been given Pola Negri, screen lumi-BEGINS LONG SEARCH. carried away. Friends to whom I nary, to marry Charile Chaplin, to went for assistance advised me to go to Bastrop, the headquarters of the parish government, but before I action this advice I asked a business also learned—that Miss Negri so far also learned—that Miss Negri so far also learned—that Miss Negri so far also learned—that for such application. called Sheriff Carpenter on the tele-phone and was told there was not a corporation is a clause stating she

single clue on which a search could conducted. On Saturday, August 26, I went to Bastrop for a personal interview with Sheriff Carpenter and Judge Odum. Sheriff Carpenter was not interested few words now and then. Judge
Odum, on the other hand, was kind and willing. He told me if I could furnish a single piece of evidence on which a search could be started he would give every effort toward solution of the mysters.

President and Mrs. Harding yes—on such cases as fraud, conspiratory was made with a New leave minor wiolations to the police. In the past year, we have secured to momen and children of the Catholic operation from the local authorities religion of the mysters. in the conversation except to say a few words now and then. Judge

solution of the mystery. APPEALS TO GOVERNOR.

Tortured by grief and with the cries of Leota, my little three-yearold daughter, in my ears, I wrote Governor Parker on Sunday and begged him to do something to help me. I walked the yard of our little home, I walked the streets, I prayed to God that something would happen to start an investigation.

"Don't worry; he will They knew .what had happened to and K streets northwest.

ing. They didn't want me to go to pany.

Futurists Are Up in Arms; to **Educate Public**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30. THE futuristic, cubist and impressionable artists are up in arms and threaten a deluge of flying paint brushes. All because they claim the public does not properly appreciate their art as yet and must be educated.

Desmond V. Rushton, head of a group of independent futuristic artists, who claim they will dab their way to fame regardless of obstacles, has announce ed that the next exhibition will be held February 1.

The intervening time will enable the public to gain additional information about the impressionistic art, Rushton says.

the grand jury hearing. I thought it strange, but I know the reason now. As far as they were concern-ed, the disappearance of Tom Richards and Watt Daniels was a mystery that never would be solved. HOME IS WRECKED.

geance of God and man on the kid-nervous she could not sleep. Over and over she told me: "Mama, those napers and murderers of my husband old Ku Klux got my daddy," but he came home that time.

My home is wrecked, my life is

wrecked and my heart is broken.

peared hopelessly buried under the apathy of public officers. Pola Has Not Sought Permit to Wed Cha

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 30.—Of- be expected."
ficial approval from the Famous AFTER BIG GAME. cannot be married without offical sanction of her employers.

Chinese Catholics Send Embroidery to Hardings

mission at Kai Feng. China.

Father Cohill, who has just rethis policy."
turned from China, was the first REFORMS IN 1922 NOTED. American to be ordained in secular priesthood of that country.

Trapped in Excavation Firemen from No. 2 truck comrescue a horse which had fallen inback," but they knew they lied. to an excavation near Thirty-second

The grand jury met on September tackle, firemen had little difficulty . My hopes rose only to be dashed, in freeing the animal, which bewhen the jury did absolutely noth-longed to the American Ice Com-

PROHIBITION AGENTS PLAN DRY NEW YEAR

Special Watch Ordered to Prevent Alcoholic Christening of Infant 1923.

LIQUOR SOURCES GUARDED

Efforts for Year to Be Directed Against Big Offenders, Officials Say.

"The metropolitan centers of the United States will be drier this New Year eve than ever be-

This is the New Year greeting to the nation last night from the Federal prohibition enforcement bureau.

AGENTS MOBILIZED.

All plans have been completed to make this New Year the most said in history. Every prohibition agent toes," rather than at home, warm-I can't find the words to express the praise due Governor Parker. Had it not been for his assistance, I would have worked alone.

toes," rather than at home, warming them. Divisional directors have instructed to call back such seen instructed to call back such seen to leave as are necessary while the "mobile enforcement." would have worked alone.

When men I believe are members while the "mobile enforcement force" has been distributed among

"There can be no question of doubt but that this New Year will be the driest of any since prohibi-tion," James E. Jones, acting pro-hibition director, informed the International News Service yesterday. Permit to Wed Charlie watch is to be kept on all places where a hilarious celebration might

> The prohibition unit is now preture to confine its men to running down of the big cases, and leave local authorities to deal with the 'hip pocket' case," Jones an-

"The proper enforcement of the Volstead act." Jones said, "to my mind, would be to have the Federal mind, would be to have the big men

Many reforms have been noted

the past year. First, the 'home-brewing craze" appears to have abated. Second, the holidays have passed without the warehouse and distillery robberies which marked the Christmas-New Year season last year.

BIG DUTY ON DOLLS.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30—Though the duty on German dolls is 250 per cent great quantities are being

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